of Yamuna Water in Bharatpur district and utilisation of Yamuna water in Jhunjunu & Churu districts.

Indo-Nepal joint survey of Pancheshwar Project

†2157. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any time-limit has been fixed to complete the work of Indo-Nepal joint survey/investigation of Pancheshwar Project; and

(b) if so, by when the work of joint survey/investigation is likely to be completed and percentage of work completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The survey and field investigations for the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project have since been completed jointly by India and Nepal.

Special status to Rajasthan

†2158. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accord special status to the State of Rajasthan on the lines of the States of North-East, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh under Accelerated Irrigation Programme in view of the circumstances such as two-third area of desert of Thar, drought-prone area, long international border adjoining Pakistan and natural calamities affecting that State; and

(b) if so, details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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